

May 2022

PATUXENT RIVER STATE PARK

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 18th & 19th Century Water Mills on the Upper Patuxent River 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Get Ready to Hike 2 p.m. <i>Nature Center 11-3 (JS/BM/BG)</i></p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 Invasive Plant Removal 1-2:30 p.m. <i>Nature Center Open 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.</i></p>
<p><i>Mother's Day</i> 8 Nature Journaling 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. <i>Nature Center Open 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.</i></p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 Thursday "This or That" Hikes 5 p.m.</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 Volunteer Kickoff 1-5 p.m.</p>
<p>15 Meet the Reptiles 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Leaf Hunt 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. <i>Nature Center Open 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.</i></p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 Thursday "This or That" Hikes 5 p.m.</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Those Beautiful Hummingbirds 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. <i>Nature Center Open 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.</i></p>
<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 Thursday "This or That" Hikes 5 p.m.</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 Scavenger Hunt 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. <i>Nature Center Open 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.</i></p>
<p>29 Meet the Reptiles 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Make a Twig Boat 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. <i>Nature Center Open 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.</i></p>	<p><i>Memorial Day</i> 30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>Please visit our website or email patuxentrivestatepark@maryland.gov For more info.</p> <p>For photos & more, visit: Friends of Seneca Creek State Park Facebook Page</p>			

All events are all ages and free unless otherwise noted.

18th and 19th Century Water Mills on the Upper Patuxent River

11 a.m - 3 p.m. at the Nature Center

Water powered mills were once an important industrial function of the upper Patuxent River and its tributaries. Water powered bone, clover, grist, fulling, and saw mills operated to support plantations and farmers living in the vicinity of the upper Patuxent River. See an exhibit showing the history of mills that have been identified to date together with a discussion about the siting and operation of these mills and the people who built, owned, and operated these milling operations. Meet Charles Henry Shaw, a 19th century millwright who worked in water mills in Howard and Montgomery counties.

Invasive Plant Removal

1 – 2:30 at the Nature Center

What's the difference between native, introduced, and invasive species? And why should we care? Come learn about a few of the introduced and invasive species in Patuxent River State Park – then pull on your gloves and help remove the (spoiler alert) invasive garlic mustard and/or autumn olive plants from around the picnic area, parking lot, and trails. Bring water and your own gloves. Dress for the weather. Trash bags will be provided.

Get Ready to Hike

2 p.m. at the Nature Center

Join a park naturalist to learn what you should know before you go on a hike, equipment you might need, and trail etiquette. Then go for a hike with the naturalist on one of the trails in the park. Distance can be decided based on attendance (up to 3+ miles). Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring water. Meet at the Nature Center.

Nature Journaling

11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Nature Center

Make a nature journal (or bring your own) to keep a record of things you see in nature. We'll talk about the different ways you can keep a nature journal and then spend some time observing nature around the pond in the park.

Thursday "This or That" Hikes

5 p.m. at the Nature Center Parking Lot

Join a park naturalist for a hike on one of the trails in the park. Distance (This or That) can be decided based on attendance (up to 3+ miles). Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring water. Meet at the parking lot.

Meet the Reptiles

11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Nature Center

Many reptiles play a vital role in the ecology of our natural world. This presentation will provide an opportunity to learn more about this interesting group of animals and will include the chance to see a live Corn Snake. Come see how corn snakes have adjusted to meet the challenges of their environment. This presentation is suitable for all ages.

Leaf Hunt

11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Nature Center

Check in at the Nature Center and then go on a self-guided leaf hunt as you walk through the park and bring your finds back to the Nature Center to make leaf art.

Those Beautiful Hummingbirds

11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Nature Center

Visit the Nature Center to learn more about hummingbirds in general and our local species in particular. Make a paper-and-string hummingbird spinner to take with you.

Scavenger Hunt

9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at the Nature Center

Stop by the Nature Center to pick up a self-guided Scavenger Hunt. Can you find all the items on it as you hike through the park?

Make a Twig Boat

11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Nature Center

Make a boat out of twigs and sail it on the river. Come to the Nature Center for instructions and supplies.